

**In the United States Court of Federal Claims**  
**OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS**

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MELINDA MCDONALD,

Petitioner,

v.

SECRETARY OF HEALTH  
AND HUMAN SERVICES,

Respondent.

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No. 22-0851V

Special Master Christian J. Moran

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Neil Bhargava, U.S. Dep't of Justice, Washington, DC, for respondent.

**ORDER CONCLUDING PROCEEDINGS<sup>1</sup>**

Melinda McDonald alleged that the influenza vaccination she received on September 16, 2019 caused her to suffer from Myalgic Encephalomyelitis/Chronic Fatigue Syndrome and Cervical Dystonia. Pet., filed Aug. 3, 2022.

On July 26, 2024, the parties filed a joint stipulation for dismissal, stating, "The parties hereby stipulate pursuant to Vaccine Rule 21(a) that this action shall be dismissed." J. Stip. ¶ 2.

Vaccine Rule 21(a)(1)(B) allows petitioners to engage in a voluntary dismissal by filing a stipulation of dismissal that all parties have signed, which the parties here have done.

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<sup>1</sup> Because this Decision contains a reasoned explanation for the action taken in this case, it must be made publicly accessible and will be posted on the United States Court of Federal Claims' website, and/or at <https://www.govinfo.gov/app/collection/uscourts/national/cofc>, in accordance with the E-Government Act of 2002. 44 U.S.C. § 3501 note (2018) (Federal Management and Promotion of Electronic Government Services). This means the Decision will be available to anyone with access to the internet. In accordance with Vaccine Rule 18(b), the parties have 14 days to identify and move to redact medical or other information, the disclosure of which would constitute an unwarranted invasion of privacy. Any changes will appear in the document posted on the website.

Accordingly, pursuant to Vaccine Rule 21(a), the above-captioned case is hereby **dismissed without prejudice**. The Clerk of the Court is hereby instructed that a **judgment shall not enter** in the instant case pursuant to Vaccine Rule 21(a).

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

s/Christian J. Moran

Christian J. Moran  
Special Master